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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of  
Toru MATAMA

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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